

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/864,078  
Applicants: : LaColla *et al.*  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. In the response dated June 6, 2003 to the Restriction Requirement of March 26, 2003, claims 1-82, 84, 85, 87, 88, 91-99, and 103-129 were cancelled. In a Supplemental Amendment submitted August 26, 2003, claims 1-99 and 103-129 were cancelled, claims 100-102, 130-136, 139-145 were amended and claims 146-159 were added. Confirmation of entry of the Supplemental Amendment dated August 26, 2003 is requested. Claims 136-138, 146, 149, 150, and 159 are amended and claims 160-185 are added herein.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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